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## **Dade Christian School** **Computer Use and Internet Agreement**

**Please read this document carefully before signing. The signature at the end indicates the student/parent who signed, has read the terms and conditions, and understands its significance.**

The Dade Christian School Network is available to students and teachers. The network offers vast, diverse, and unique resources including Internet access to both students and teachers. Our goal in providing this service to teachers and students is to promote educational excellence by facilitating resource sharing, innovation, and communication.

With access to computers and people all over the world comes the availability of material that may not be considered to be of educational value in the context of a school setting. Please be aware that on a global network it is impossible to control all materials and an industrious user may discover controversial information. Dade Christian School firmly believes that the valuable information and interaction available on this worldwide network far outweighs the possibility that users may procure that which is not consistent with the educational goals of the school. As such, it is imperative that we understand and comply with the guidelines that are provided here so you are aware of the responsibility you are about to acquire. In general, this requires efficient, ethical, and legal utilization of the network resources. If a user at Dade Christian School violates any of these provisions, his or her account may be terminated, disciplinary action taken, and future access may be denied.

### ***Terms and Conditions***

- A. *Acceptable Use* - The purpose of the Dade Christian School Network, which is the backbone to the Internet, is to support research and education in and among academic institutions in the U.S. by providing access to unique resources and the opportunity for collaborative work. The use of your account must be in support of education and research and consistent with the educational objectives of Dade Christian School. Use of other network or computing resources must comply with the rules appropriate for that network. Transmission of any material in violation of any U.S. or state regulation is prohibited. This includes, but is not limited to, copyrighted material, threatening or obscene material or material protected by trade secret.
- B. *Privileges* - The use of the Network is a privilege, not a right, and inappropriate use will result in a cancellation of those privileges and/or disciplinary action
- C. *Network Etiquette and Rules* - You are expected to abide by the generally accepted rules of network etiquette. They include but are not limited to the following:
  - 1) Accessing Inappropriate Materials – Accessing, downloading, or displaying materials that are defamatory, abusive, obscene, vulgar, sexually explicit, sexually suggestive, discriminatory and or/illegal are prohibited.
  - 2) Use appropriate language. Do not swear, use vulgarities or any other inappropriate language. Illegal activities are strictly prohibited.
  - 3) Seeking information on, obtaining copies of, or modifying files, data, or passwords belonging to other users, or gaining unauthorized access to systems .
  - 4) You may not play games or use the computer resources for other non-academic activities when

others require the system for academic use.

- 5) Copyright law protects software; therefore, do not make unauthorized copies of software on school computers, either by copying them onto disks or other computers through electronic mail or bulletin boards. Do not give, lend or sell copies of software to others.
  - 6) The work of all users is valuable; therefore, protect the privacy of others by not trying to learn their passwords; do not copy, change, read, or use files in another user's area. Do not attempt to gain unauthorized access to system programs or computer equipment.
  - 7) Network accounts are to be used only by the authorized owner of the account for the authorized purpose. Do not give out your account number or your password.
- C. Plagiarism – Representing as one's own work any materials obtained on the Internet (such as term papers, articles, etc.). When Internet sources are used in student work, the author, publisher, and website must be identified.
- D. Security – Security on any computer is a high priority, especially when the system involves many users. Do not use another individual's account. Attempts to logon to the network as a system administrator will result in cancellation of user privilege and/or disciplinary action.
- E. Vandalism – Vandalism will result in cancellation of privileges and disciplinary action. Vandalism is defined as any malicious attempt to harm or destroy hardware or software, harm or destroy data of another user, Internet, or any other agencies or networks that are not connected to The Master's Academy network. This includes, but is not limited to the uploading or creation of computer viruses.
- F. Parental Permission Required – Students and their parent/guardian are required to sign and return the Computer Use and Internet Agreement Form before being allowed to use school computers.



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I, \_\_\_\_\_, understand that using [dadechristian.org],  
Printed Name of Student

and its access to the World Wide Web in the classroom, library or computer lab is an educational privilege. I realize that [dadechristian.org] and the websites that it directly links to provide carefully evaluated and screened materials. I understand that irresponsible use will result in termination of this privilege. I accept the following guidelines for appropriate use:

- I will use the Internet for constructive educational purposes.
- I will not visit sites that contain items that are illegal, defamatory, pornographic, or otherwise offensive.
- I will observe the rules and laws regarding copyright and plagiarism.
- I will refrain from downloading files of any size, shape or form.
- I will never give out personal information such as my home address, telephone number, or the name and location of my school without my teacher's permission.
- I will report to my teacher any offensive pictures and other information I come across that makes me feel uncomfortable.
- I agree to follow any rules for the computer and Internet use that my school has established.

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***Student's Signature***

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Date**

*This student has my permission to use the Computer and the Internet in the classroom, library or computer lab.*

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***Parent's/Guardian's Signature***

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Date**

*Please return the completed agreement to the Admissions Office.*